

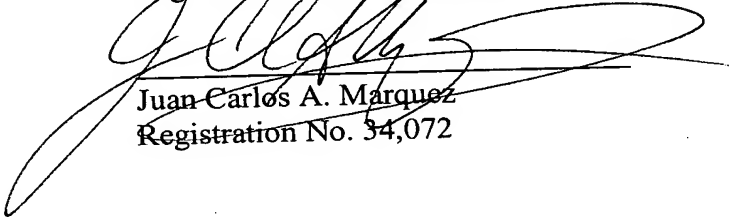
**REMARKS**

Applicant has amended claim 3 and added claim 13, added claim 14, amended claim 8 and added claims 15-21, and amended claim 12. No new matter has been added to the application as a result of these amendments.

In view of the above amendments and Applicant's comments stated herein, Applicant respectfully requests an early and favorable action on the merits.

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